

house of commons. Her influence induced him to disavow the plan of campaign so dear to Catholic Ireland just when other Nationalist leaders were going to prison for their loyalty. Her influence kept the uncrowned king away from his country during the land war, and led him to an attitude of defiance of morality.

Then, in 1890, as the home rule bill was approaching the moment of success or failure, she introduced her divorce suit against Capt. O'Shea.

She charged her husband with having connived at her adultery, by requiring her not only to form the ac-

vorice suit brought a split in the Irish party, and defeat of home rule.

And again today, when the O'Shea scandal is 25 years old, political intrigue causes the publication of a "love story," in the last crisis before the passing of home rule.

Said William O'Brien, M. P., to me, speaking as one speaks of a dead brother:

"When the divorce case was filed I wrote Parnell a word of sympathy. His answer was instant.

"If this case is ever fully gone into," he wrote, "you may rest assured that it will be shown that the dis-



Latest Photograph of Kitty O'Shea Parnell, Whose Remarkable Book, "The Love Story of Charles Stuart Parnell," Is Alleged To Be False.

quaintance of Charles Stuart Parnell, but to see him alone at frequent intervals. According to Mrs. O'Shea, said William O'Shea profited financially by her association with the great Irish leader.

It was unquestionably political intrigue which brought the O'Shea divorce up then, when the offense was 10 years old, but **AT A TIME OF POLITICAL CRISIS.** Whatever her motives, Ireland believed, and still believes, that Catherine O'Shea was a government agent.

The scandal resulting from the di-

honor and the discredit have not been upon my side."

"I believed that word then; I believe it today. For it is now certain that if Parnell had been allowed to go into the witness box the public verdict upon the case would have been revolutionized.

"But Mrs. O'Shea's influence prevailed. The divorce was undefended, the uncontradicted evidence accepted as a fact. Condemnation became disgust. The Irish party became disunited. Home rule was indefinitely postponed! A man's weakness and